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First account from the Bathurst jailyard

They shot 20 of us, and flogged Richards to stillness

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On the last Sunday of January this year prisoners of Bathurst jail burnt it down. During the fire 20 prisoners were shot. To date no prisoner has been able to publicly give his version of the events.

We publish below the account of a prisoner who was in Bathurst when they burnt it down. The prisoners' names have been changed.

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EARTH NEWS

Au naturel

Scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts say they may have a method of cleaning up city waste and provide a few tons of oyster meat as a fringe benefit.

Current research at the institute indicates that a sewage treatment facility — such as the one already established at a laboratory there — could serve as a final sewage treatment plant in a community of 50 000 by using oysters as filters.

An oyster will funnel up to 100 gallons of water a day — extracting proteins, carbohydrates, fats, salts and minerals. The scientists at Woods Hole say that makes the oyster a natural pollution fighter. The sewage plant designed by the [illegible] uses the oysters at the final point in a three stage filtering process. The first two stages remove the [illegible] of the impurities from the sewage. The [illegible] rich water is then fed through a large tank containing racks of young oysters. The oysters in the tank feast — [illegible] grow fat and [illegible] important — remove the impurities from the water.

Making waves

Expressions of awakened dissent in the Soviet Union aren't limited to famous authors, physicists and underground news sheets. A growing number of young Soviet dissidents — generally technical students — are taking to the airwaves.

Illicit broadcasters — called "Radio Hooligans" by the Soviet authorities — are becoming common, with [illegible] broadcasts [illegible] around Moscow, the central Volga area and [illegible] northern Caucasus [illegible].

In one industrial area [illegible] illegal broadcasts were heard in one five day period.

The Soviet authorities are [illegible] about the broadcasting of political jokes [illegible] the [illegible] of information offending the Communist Party and the playing of "degenerate" rock music. And since it is impossible to buy radio equipment save the popular [illegible] Russia [illegible] of the [illegible] the stations [illegible] stopped [illegible] [illegible] telephone [illegible]

[Ch.61 American Short Wave Listeners Club, Huntington Beach California.]

Maosprin

Changsha, China — Medical workers in southern China's Hunan Province are collecting old remedy lore in the [illegible] that sounds like [illegible].

Experienced peasants talk to them about diseases common in the locality and many offer [illegible] prescriptions handed down for generations. A 70-year-old poor peasant offered a method to heal [illegible] that is now [illegible].

Nearly 15,000 medical workers [illegible] by rural people's communes [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] departments of Chinese medicine and pharmacies to prepare medicine herbs.

New China News

Cocktail frankfurts

Frankfurt — Altogether 142 people were arrested and 41 people were injured, some seriously, as many demonstrators during sharp street fighting recently. The last battle took place during a ten-minute [illegible] which [illegible] place two days before when squatters were evicted from a block of flats and 10 people arrested.

About 4,000 people were present at the demonstration but only 420 police. This figure has caused some [illegible] since normally [illegible] 1,000 or more police are used for major demonstrations. In this case reserves had to be called up from the provinces and [illegible] from [illegible] to handle the trouble [illegible] the [illegible] windows [illegible] of businesses, shows and [illegible] dumps were set alight. Barricades were erected all over the city. Earlier in a separate incident, demonstrators [illegible] with [illegible] to Frankfurt's annual [illegible] the traditional storming of the Town Hall and [illegible] eggs at Mayor Rudi Arndt. [illegible] and [illegible] are a crime syndicate" appeared on walls.

The major clashes occurred after [illegible] had created a [illegible] inside the demolished houses which the squatters had occupied and extended into the nearby [illegible] student [illegible]. Police [illegible] the building; tear gas [illegible] 50 arrests were made. The president of the students' union, [illegible] of the original demonstration, was arrested as responsible for the violence.

People's News Service.

Mozambique

London — A documentary report of Portuguese atrocities in the Tete district of Mozambique during 1971 and 1972 has been published by the International Defence and Aid Fund. The report makes [illegible] 1971 [illegible] as the [illegible] massacre [illegible] killings reported in July 1973 [illegible] of the [illegible] Portuguese [illegible] strategy in Mozambique [illegible] the [illegible] of August [illegible]

[illegible] the Mucumbura [illegible] Chawola, Wiriyamu and Juwau [illegible] Mozambique [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]. The report quotes one instance when Portuguese soldiers were [illegible] a [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] were [illegible]. The soldiers found a woman named [illegible] who was [illegible]. The report quotes an eye witness: "They asked her what the sex was of the child she was carrying. 'I don't know' the woman said. 'You soon will' they said. And at once with a knife, they ripped her belly open, pulled out her intestines and the [illegible] and showing the [illegible] which was struggling, immediately said, 'There now do you know?'"

The report goes on to trace the great interest in military activity in the colony, and the subsequent [illegible] and cover up by the Portuguese government.

Swede lead

The effort to get [illegible] out of their cars [illegible] and into public transport has [illegible] met with much success. But a new system being tried out in Sweden just might appeal. For two dollars a month, the Swedes will be able to go just about anywhere.

The new Swedish system is described as the most important mass transit reform ever initiated. Under its terms, each of the country's 24 provincial districts will offer monthly travel cards for two dollars. The cards will provide unlimited transportation on all rail, bus and commuter [illegible] and air facilities operated by the government within a district.

The Swedish planners say they believe the new system may almost make the private automobile a thing of the past in Sweden.

Mind gag

London — The Mental Patients Union has launched a campaign to fight against what [illegible] [illegible] done and into patients [illegible] in hospitals. This [illegible] in publications such as [illegible] and *Mental Patients*. Years [illegible] the MPU magazine[illegible] being censored by hospital authorities, or simply not arriving.

In March 1973 a general meeting of the MPU demanded "the abolition of [illegible] subjection of patients [illegible] with society outside the hospital and in particular the abolition of telephone and other censorship [illegible] the abolition of any powers of the hospital authorities to restrict patients' [illegible] rights".

The stopping of papers is, the union points out, "in [illegible] of this censorship". They therefore wish to build up information on how widespread it is, which hospitals do it, and which papers are being stopped. The union plans to send its members a list of papers who are prepared to mail copies free or at a reduced rate to people in mental hospitals. Patients who want copies will be asked to write first to the MPU and then to write [illegible] they [illegible]

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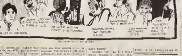

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Yanks tanked

Whatever happened to America's drug problem? Well, according to recent [illegible] reports, it's become an alcohol problem and it's much worse.

Dr Morris Chafetz — who heads the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism — said: "The kids are jumping from the frying pan into a bottle". Dr Chafetz says there's definitely a trend away from hard drugs and toward alcohol sweeping across the nation, mostly affecting young people. He says that although there are still no statistics on the shift, he believes it to be very significant and widespread.

Another expert in the field, [illegible] Leslie, head of the Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies, confirmed Dr Chafetz's report. And according to Leslie, "[illegible] which were [illegible] drugs". Leslie says that "The number of kids who are going to become alcoholics is far greater than the number who [illegible] drugs because [illegible] become addicts".

Statistics from the [illegible] Health Department confirm that heroin addiction [illegible] down from one third of [illegible] of what it was [illegible] years ago. But [illegible] according to the *Christian Science Monitor*, the number of Alcoholics Anonymous chapters across the country is steadily rising, and the average age of members is steadily declining.

Says Dr Chafetz: "There should be no collective sigh of relief" concerning the shift from hard drugs to booze. "Every major study shows that alcohol is the major problem," he says.

[illegible] Papers [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the pattern of [illegible] is [illegible]

People's News Service.

Jungle juice

The Pentagon is reportedly "[illegible]" at the critical approach taken by a report by the National Academy of Sciences of a study of the long term effects of American use of possible herbicides in the Vietnam war. The report [illegible] that the herbicides have caused [illegible] to the ecology of South Vietnam which will take at least 100 years to heal. The Academy [illegible] three [illegible] [illegible] in scientific matters began the study in response to a 1970 Congressional order to assess the effects of the use of herbicides in the [illegible].

From 1961 through 1971 the US dropped more than 100 million tons of herbicides on Vietnam — [illegible] pounds for every inhabitant. More than one seventh of South Vietnam's land mass was sprayed [illegible] to strip away foliage in areas believed to be occupied by Viet Cong or North Vietnamese troops.

Two unexpected findings of the study conducted by a panel of 17 scientists were revealed by the *New York Times*. According to the report, the use of herbicides turned Vietnamese opinion against the United States. Symbolically the report says herbicides were regarded as "an American assault against the Vietnamese land and people". Also according to the *Times* the new study showed that [illegible] conflict with prior military claims. The herbicides apparently caused a large number of deaths [illegible] Montagnard children. The US military had generally argued that the herbicides would [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible]

Bi-racial sex

Figures recently released by South Africa's Parliament indicate that nearly 500 people were prosecuted last year for indulging in bi-racial sex. The South African white minority government outlaws bi-racial sex under the Immorality Act.

The number of prosecutions in 1973 reflected a sharp decline from previous years, indicating that the government may be backing away from the controversial law. A 1971 case brought worldwide attention and intense criticism from other countries.

According to the *Johannesburg Sunday Times*, 21,000 people have been prosecuted under the Act since 1951. The paper says that the [illegible] [illegible] South African white society that a more than that of murder or rape. Between 1950 and 1968 said the *Times* at least [illegible] whites committed suicide while facing charges under the Act.

While last year's figures seem to indicate that the government was easing up the prosecutions, there's little likelihood that the Immorality Act will soon be declared immoral and dropped. A recent poll showed that 41 per cent of the people thought that the law should be even more strictly applied.

Carrotted

So you think that booze is bad for the liver? Well, a 48 year old Londoner was found out last week that booze is nothing compared to — of all things, carrot juice. It did him in.

The French news agency reported that the man went on a ten day juice binge because he thought it constituted a healthy diet. During that time he ingested some 70 million units of Vitamin A from the carrot juice.

Following the inquest a medical expert said the man had died from cirrhosis of the liver brought on by an over indulgence of Vitamin A in carrot juice.

Palestine

Three groups within the Palestine Liberation Organisation have called for the creation of a Palestinian [illegible] state on the west bank of the Jordan River. This, they say, would be a first step to their ultimate goal of establishing a democratic state embracing the whole of Palestine. That future Palestinian state would include all of what is now western Jordan and Israel.

The groups — which include Al Fateh, the strongest of the Palestinian Liberation groups — issued the [illegible] at a meeting of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation Central Committee.

Meanwhile, InterNews reports that Jordan's King Hussein has held secret meetings with the Israelis to coordinate the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the west bank of the Jordan River so King Hussein can establish his own authority there.

The negotiations with Hussein may result in the downfall of the Meir government in Israel. The National Religious Party has refused to join Ms Meir's coalition, because the party opposes any ceding of land to the Arabs. Without that support, Ms Meir's coalition is shaky at best and new elections may have to be held soon.

Most feminists fight famine

Indian women on the move

By Gail Omvedt

A crowd of [illegible] [illegible] a village store [illegible] have charging [illegible] [illegible] goals. Angry [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] government [illegible] "[illegible]"

The shopkeeper [illegible] a group [illegible] and grammar [illegible] to have the women arrested [illegible] the shopkeeper [illegible] in his bargain [illegible] the [illegible] gives the [illegible].

In the Indian [illegible] a district official [illegible] [illegible] a group of peasants and kept them only [illegible] the [illegible] post. The [illegible] [illegible] emergency [illegible].

The official [illegible] makes [illegible] to [illegible] that [illegible] up to the [illegible] "Something will be done". The men are ready to [illegible] but the women [illegible] "We don't [illegible] without a [illegible]".

A year of famine [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] are [illegible] of Maharashtra [illegible]. And in [illegible] action all over the state women are taking the lead.

[illegible] poor women [illegible] carry a double [illegible] the family [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] drought [illegible] water [illegible] the [illegible] away from [illegible]. [illegible] they work [illegible] the fields where [illegible] a half what [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] left a shallow [illegible].

In [illegible] and [illegible] these poor women [illegible] a striking contrast [illegible] middle [illegible] classes [illegible] with landlords and officials, [illegible] And [illegible] out again.

"The women [illegible" says a [illegible] who [illegible] Maharashtra last year. "They won't [illegible] they [illegible] been outside their villages; they are [illegible] in their [illegible] and [illegible] the fields. Yet whenever we go, the women are the most militant."

Before anyone [illegible] the drought 20 million of the state's 50 million people were [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] fields. As [illegible] up agitational [illegible] and food [illegible]. The struggling groups [illegible] women exploded in a series of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. Everywhere women led the [illegible] suggested [illegible] central [illegible] [illegible] to wait.

[illegible] largely [illegible] by [illegible] people [illegible] told me what happened when [illegible] group decided [illegible] a [illegible] "We [illegible] 35 women [illegible] showed [illegible] of [illegible] were [illegible] and we really didn't know what to do [illegible] the women [illegible]".

One [illegible] women stood up and [illegible] her experiences in her village. At the end one gave a summary. She said, "We need [illegible] But the [illegible] won't [illegible] What is stopping them? Here [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] village [illegible].

At [illegible] a woman stood up and said that in her village, 12 miles away, [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] the village [illegible] bribes to let them [illegible]. Let's go and destroy them" she said.

"It was like a [illegible] of a girl that the women [illegible] They marched 12 miles to that village, smashed every [illegible] of [illegible] and made the village [illegible] apologize to every woman in the group. And then in the early hours of the morning, they marched back to continue their [illegible].

The [illegible] role [illegible] is not a new force in Indian history. In the early [illegible] days of the independence movement women [illegible] and [illegible] bombs and attempted to assassinate British [illegible]. When the movement took on a [illegible] character during the time of Gandhi, women took to the streets in mass demonstrations and defied [illegible] jails.

Today a small feminist movement is developing among educated younger women in [illegible] but [illegible] the famine [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]. But the [illegible] [illegible] movement of women is among the poor peasants and landless field workers.

Pacific News Service

If not their resignations from 60 per cent to four per cent!

Socio-technical systems of autonomous workgroups well, it's better than workin' on the railways

by Hall Greenland

It was like being part of a scenario for a B grade American movie. ALCAN's Australian smelter stands in a remote corner of the "Hunter Valley (so) there in the bush of inland NSW surrounded by an eight feet high eyesore and barbed wire fence. All through the night seven days a week it hums on like one of those places deep in the Nevada desert. Inside there's a story

But there is a prime exhibit on its operation. Company officials told me John Edmonds (perhaps the senior smelter man industrial and responsible) had recently been warned off the story

Operating under the smelter is Australia's largest working experiment in "socio-technical systems of autonomous work groups" — which if how Reg Cole ALCAN's national employment manager labels it.

Reg Cole wants no publicity he says he's afraid of an "hysterical backlash from reactionary right wing employers". Les Thomas, the personnel manager on the spot wants it kept under wraps "because employers think it's communist and the we kiss their b's every week"

What ALCAN calls "socio-technical systems of autonomous work groups" are words that "workers participation"

"Look if you call it by either of those names when you're talking to the bosses at the one top, they just won't be over what you're talking about," warned Reg Cole. He was right, when I talked to them they did not know that they were going to go in a radical experiment by the bosses to eradicate the kind of wage slavery education which has year produced the Ford workers in Melbourne for by at least shown the factory with their bare backs.

At times I just couldn't believe I was hearing what Cole and Thomas were telling me. They really opened up. I happen to believe that bosses aren't necessary and that the main stumbling block to this is the "Other experiments a workers' participation are pushing scrapped in what we as done So you've been talking to Reg Cole I suppose to look at the credit. He really had nothing to do with it, I mean

Fred Emery (ANU professor and ALCAN's chief consultant on "socio-technical systems") really hasn't got a big about actual implementation. Yet they put him up on a pedestal!

Only the ALCAN workers I talked to mentioned Emery and kept tipped. I met them in the Workers' Club of the second-home Kurri Kurri. They gave me the third degree treatment. How did they know I wasn't an agent of the boss? Or of ALCAN? And why was I studied type interested in them? Deep at I was a journalist, how did they know I wouldn't write the usual shit? And how did they know that strange game was my real name? My nerves in that last question was my saving grace. Stumbling through my machine for identification I came up to my ALP membership ticket. What's that? I asked myself. Then as cold blood the bells and a director (it transpired) of the Workers Club telescoped. "That man's a member of the Labor Party. That means he's alright. There's no reason why you can't speak to him."

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The world's ALCAN's smelter which starting operations in 1968 is assumed not by much bosses at the start. Back at Dunc bosses has a task involving six separate operations. Now each team member is trained to handle all these by operation. In the groups of the beginning, the line staff decide who's going to do what being that shift.

Each group has a "leading hand (a kind of sub-foreman) appointed by the boss (for the United States it is now around for the leading hand to be elected) in each of the three parts of the plant there is a foreman and above them a general foreman, a vice plant supervisor

But the bosses are left with the final over decision. There are regular consultations on quantity and quality of production but these are the basis of consultation and negotiation not "this of what we want to do."

Every four weeks each team has a "block meeting" with one of the management. "They just sit there and rap it" is how one of the workers I talked to described it.

The training period required to make them workers "multiskilled" is about three months. "Workers are capable of much more than most people give them credit for." Reg Cole became sure.

ALCAN are halfway through converting their Sydney plant from an old style assembly line set up to a "socio-technical system of life."

There this job is going on similtaneously with a reduction in workers but a certain period off during that high hour day to learn a new skill. And the new labels "Jim" says Reg Cool. "There has been no drop off in production. It is thing, the reverse. The enthusiasm has been unleashed to be let loose."

The only problem is that the workers there themselves into their work. Literally "Applicants — both this a technician and weekly — show about weekly" according to Reg Cole Les Thomas was very, blunt. He said the workers ALCAN Kurri defined it as far as they were concerned.

"Getting results from people in the name of the game" according to Les Thomas. Reg Cole is too cute to be seen "bosses relations and capitalism are old incompatible" But Reg Cole is a graduate of the Leyden Summer School Research and the Tavistock Institute (it is taking experiments of that nature) with a Thomas is a product of the Loch Attra School of Management in N. S. Wales.

Nevertheless Cole admits that the Kurri Kurri smelter is about twice as efficient as a smelter in Sydney and should be. And that labor turnover the number who leave in a shorter time is the lowest workforce in Australia.

Is you ever at the smelter compared it is all per cent strange like a factory, the Hunter Valley. At ALCAN's 55 acre plant — where the one gauge of half completed after foreman of down to 10 you can at age in the 80 gas is an average in the Sydney area

What of these figures mean if and nobody wants to learn off nothing for ALCAN since they get a job there

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At 8 stages ALCAN have attempted to involve the Federated Ironworkers Association. On union meeting (in Kurri Kurri) workers. Both Cole and Thomas emphasise the "wonderful cooperation they've received from the FIA officials.

Thomas was particularly warm and the shaggy of the union leading brain in the of members it the smelter. He was the union as a stabilizing influence "He is a long way from the union office in here" he said "and it's quite a job sometimes to get the union officials to visit us."

While I was talking to Thomas the smelter workers were assembled. There were some speech in the plant with stop watches and clipboards. There was to be a delegates meeting. Thomas that morning. Thomas got in the bus to the FIA officials. "Yes they think it's time and matters study. It's not they're checking the capacity of operations

"Is it right? Local was you ring them and tell them it's ok. It's better coming from you. Bad news they are telling them Yes you can ring George in the plant. No worries Thanks mate."

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What prompted ALCAN to setup its Modern Times factory set up and give the contemporary Charlie Chaplins a crack at "workers' participation"?

Both with the state government under Kurri Kurri "economically profitable" — for an ALCAN was concerned. But unique in hard cash absolutely little etc., would dont counted for nothing if the work force had pressed unmanageably

"Kurri Kurri is the NSW coal-fields area and this area is immense by hard industrial militancy, Reg Cole points out "So we had to make sure we not by mind is at war Kurri Kurri."

Les Thomas gave an even more tangible reason for keeping the bosses happy "If there's a strike at a shed like this and we have to close down, then it would cost us three to five million dollars to start up again."

But surely you could keep operating with staff labor? I asked Thomas. "Not a, he replied, "I have 344 wages employees to keep happy and going and we have only 18 on the staff — and they're mind by wages and grade."

(The workers I talked to were definitely of this field and would I believe I what put it to them.)

There were many present reacting too. "I'm a long time man who knows what means bosses and high hours time over high daily dissatisfaction and poor quality of production." It was Kurri Kurri Club "As for me I was concerned Cole not asked a meaning for us. Simply that now were workers "multiskilled" at the being edge in a machine. So I my not to change that."

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ALCAN's biggest backlash to date has been the Interpreple They have difficulties at adjustment. "This system makes the workers exhaustion They fight for their overtime" is how Reg Cole's sense. Young workers were allowed to have a bonus for taking on foreper job in the hope they wouldn't have the ingrained authoritarianism of traditional foreman. It didn't turn out that way

The peak out pushed claim at 18 months ago. Each day there were outbursts of foreman throwing their weight around and being told to go to hell.

Under management responded by refusing to meet any of the foreman's demands and taking the foreman off of in a weekend in a Tuesday and repeal where the new approach was determined into their heads.

"Then on K and Y therefore of management," Les Thomas said yes "The K Shop management is taking workers to do such and such because I told you to. That's the theory of a person were getting. They there's the Y theory which means you explain why you want to do something and then the worker wants to be to do it. That's our approach.

"It's terrible was that our foreman were ex-operators. From the factory floor. They were low a management. I think that's really the best people for the job. They couldn't understand it because's you foreman to look after safety coordinate operations and keep an eye on ego by of production."

He says the problem is almost linked.

The group of workers I talked with vigorously remember having foreman problems a year or so back. "We just said a meeting and everything stop. Cool, and after that they sort a bloke down from the office to keep an eye on him and everything was alright.

* * *

ALCAN workers drug Jim Haley and Bob were not fully satisfied but reassured as to why I said I want to talk to best their work.

Their lo wither next was the that of an Aboriginal convicted spotted by Aquamesh last March in an article on workers participation

"How my dad, he was a man. When he of cents boss at this would run up to him and say 'Sorry it gone' My dad would say he gotta go his work. He'd talk small all the things the workmen would say and he like I go home they don't understand a damn thing. At I do is stung a little coal in an sac. Why would anybody be interested in that?"

They did previously a crisis has wither diff or the railways. Some of them worked to go back to those jobs. No wonder in NSW and the railways not amongst the lowest paying employers in Australia.

"We kicking at ALCAN in abscess and a lot more money" was how Greg put it. And it's time to where we live, we don't have to travel 40 miles into Newcastle." Jim chimed in

As far as Bob was concerned "we got it on a gold platter at ALCAN. Isn't that right boys?" So that they were in unanimous.

Jim thought I was a guy on the plan that there were no wage

ALCAN's Kurri Kurri plant — on the cut

The industrial principle gov section two

Blue collar blues

"Try pulling 13 kids up on to 5 little poles 60 times an shift, right hours a day. FK 100 rolls 60 100 mm every hour. Eight hours we holds three times a minute. Dunc work in poles at the safety front, in a fine mist of oil mixed in of water that. Napalm for the rigs to take a pole — to relieve yourself last very bolted a big press on Dad's in his's break the rhythm and how you hours Signed up to pole the hard before you come out a bit of grit out at your eye. So I your sandwich gets in a pace of grease because big machines take minutes every and you'll only get 40 minutes for your lunch break. As you cross the factory threshold lose the freedom of speech the right to meet and mandate. Obey without argue or suffer punishment without the right of appeal, get the worst jobs if the manager doesn't like you face Tay being an absentee — lost wages."

Join the ball a — Blues other members; workers in And of a company now at 1 60 are

We doesn't turn them — a — they They meet a various ways. As the American business magazine Fortune reported in their July 1974 issue do voted to the "Blue Collar Blues"

"Some assembly line are to work on behalf off manager report with establishment that they are paid away or sold shift and don't come back to get their pay, for the time they done worked. In many plants or three thousand at has reached such a degree that there does seem no alternative forces this been left is brake drums had months worked a do faster manpower in cause mysterious, unfinished and shoddy and shoddy related paint scratched and upholstery not

Unemployment the reduction takes a collective form, in 1969 Italian assembly line workers started the practice of meeting and deciding themselves what the speed of the assembly line would be — regardless of what the boss thought.

What ever form the resistance takes — absenteism, sabotage or workers control — it makes the boss job production and last profits. And it's a problem which has now spread to advanced capitalist countries in the sixties

In one of the most tragic of all reports on blue Collar blues and "White Collar Wage jobs, Globe haven't changed People's expectations have" In white worlds an intensive job well educated and twelve workforce will not wear the extreme specialized on of labor and heavy on fragmentation of the assembly line"

Faced with the reality that their jobs? workers wouldn't stay on the assembly line to a limited Chicago an revolted bosses in the shifts started to hogger workers from degrees of years. The hope was that they would be more used to shift work and with the relative high wages was it think they were in E Dorado.

So the French bosses at Renault brought in Algerians. And a Portuguese worker hired, and it was found you would actually increase the power of the assembly line by up to 30 per cent "In Detroit, they haven't got unionisation but regimentation" said Malcolm K In Australia, BHP brought in Macedonians and Yugoslavs.

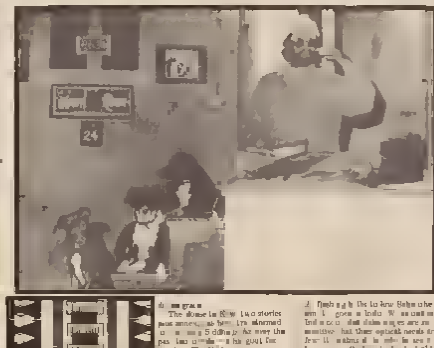
But this remedy has only turned out to have short term value. The "wage" line not to be human after all and they don't stop the assembly line Pulling either. They've started to reach in the most way on their predecessors.

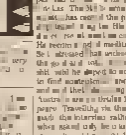
Some bosses are trying to the remedy nevertheless. Leyland in Australia, has initiated finding that they couldn't get enough workers Europeans for their line have begun to move the Orissa for suitable types.

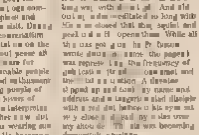
But a new breed of social scientists are offering the boss another remedy: abolish or at least radically alter the assembly line. Instead of making great workers do an human line — partition over and over again day in and day out, give them a whole product or operation to handle. And instead of standing over them like bosses who say in how work is organized not deny in the factory

Here is the, say the social scientists, and pay high wages and promote a lot of egalitarianism, to the factory (The the same workers for staff and workers) than your workers will stay out late so many alcohol, and absents much more.

Sean Australian Premier Don Dunstan has just set up a four person unit — the Unit for Quality of Working Life to promote this approach amongst bosses and unions life in that state. Already the Unit has had talks with textile like BHP Clothing and CIG, though — at this stage — only Chrysler has expressed any real interest in buy up the idea.







'Ding-Dong' Bell still is

On March 4 Michael Cahill was placed on three years' probation for possession of marijuana. A charge of driving at a speed exceeding 60 mph was dismissed. Detective Sergeant Michael Bell of the Victorian drug squad who arrested Cahill is well known for leaving his [illegible] behind [illegible]. Whilst Bell and the drug squad say that they have got their revenge against Cahill they have again displayed their incompetence.

In a raid several weeks ago "Ding Dong" Bell left his police notebook behind. The notebook has [illegible], exhaustive lists of suspects and also several photos. One of the photos is of Cahill, and Bell admitted under oath that he carried Cahill's photo at all times. Digger has a photocopy of Bell's notebook and several of its pages are reproduced here. As Cahill said to Bell at the recent court case: "You would forget your head if it wasn't screwed on."

Below: Selections from "Ding Dong" Bell's notebook. See contact for a party at the bottom of page 6. And who is Tony on page 7 with the [illegible] lbs. of grass.

6

Brooksman gets receipt

Book [illegible] receipt date of the court of moneys collected - Date.

Possible witnesses to form 470
George
[illegible] 14551
[illegible] 17409 (Sol)

Party last night - Barton
[illegible] St,
'Sat', St Kilda
Bunch of rats
14 miles on [illegible]
of [illegible]

7

Tony - parking around station
[illegible] - has
[illegible] that way
Gave information re 2 lbs
of grass - still has it

[illegible]
of Kilda [illegible] 8432)
[illegible]
[illegible]
To P/S [illegible]

Williamstown M.C
397-6964

by [illegible]

I thought the sort of thought that might bring the very private [illegible] into the curtains, were the PM sitting in.

PM Swami Muktananda Paramahansa [illegible] [illegible]

Contributor [illegible]

70 tahini-oiled throats cried 'Wait!'

[illegible]

He said, "I am against begging". In the western world He only sees the self in everyone — their love, affection and [illegible]. These are the things that absorb me and nothing else."

Does the guru dream? Yes, [illegible]

TOUR DATES

Tuesday March 26 at the Augustine Theatre Church is his last Melbourne show although he can be heard at 16 Wellington Street, Kew each morning (around 10.30) and afternoon (after 2.30) in the back yard. All welcome and foods [illegible] by the Shakahari Health Food Restaurant.

He will be in Tasmania at the [illegible] Ashram [illegible] Street, St. Helen's. Phone 76. 1307) on March 28.

Baba will be in Sydney from the first days of April at 16 [illegible] Avenue, Turramurra. Phone 44.49-56. Friday, April 5, Village Church Hall [illegible] Street, Paddington Sunday April 7 [illegible] Theatre East Sydney Tech. Tuesday April 9 Great Hall, Sydney Uni Wednesday April 10, Village Church Hall.

Musos' self-management

by [illegible]

Ormond Hall shows in Prahran, Melbourne, are no ordinary events. "Every one of these shows has something charming about it," remarks one of the Melbourne Artists Workshop members. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] spokesperson for U.S. consulate [illegible]

Consulate denies CIA

In a series of detailed denials he firmly said [illegible] had never worked for the CIA and left Australia [illegible]

THE EMPIRE CRASHES IN PORTUGAL

For three months now fascist Portugal has been threatened by yet a right wing coup.

The crisis came to a sort of head last week when the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, General Francisco da Costa Gomes and his deputy General Antonio de Spinola, were removed from their positions by Prime Minister Marcello Caetano. All troops were reported to be confined to barracks to forestall any agitation within the armed forces.

The growing political crisis in Portugal is a direct result of the self-defeating military stalemate in Portugal's African colonies of Guinea, Angola and Mozambique which has split Portugal's ruling clique and the armed forces.

The disgruntlement is over how Portugal can avoid being shepend out of Africa — with important elements — actively deposed Deputy Chief of Staff Spinola suggesting that since the war is lost, Portugal should cut loss in create some kind of Portuguese Commonwealth. This plans lean in the Portuguese context is a dangerous liberal. The commonwealth still believe they can win the war.

Portugal As A Fascist State

Since the military coup of 1926, Portugal has been ruled by a fascist dictatorship — from 1932 until 1968 under the iron hand of Antonio Salazar since 1968 under the no less conservative Marcello Caetano. Only one political party is allowed to exist: the Fascist Party is National Action. The military along National Assembly elected every fascist years is always composed entirely of members of this party. Hardly surprising since political opposition is allowed just a month before elections to organise on even a minimal basis and the right to vote is severely restricted. There are about 2 million voters as against Portugal's adult population of about 8 million. At the most recent election — October last year — the opposition with drew from the poll after its months of limited campaigning — virtually asking voters to defy the regime by abstaining from voting (Voting is compulsory for registered voters.) Government figures showed that about a third of even the select list of voters did abstain.

Freedom of speech and of the press and the right of assembly do not exist in Portugal. There is strict censorship and a notorious secret police. Workers are compelled to belong to state and fascist unions. There are no free unions. Women are severely discriminated against in law and are subject to even greater political repression than men.

Little wonder then that the people of Guinea, Angola and Mozambique have had to fight for their freedom.

Portugal's African Empire

Since 1961 the United Nations General Assembly has repeatedly condemned Portugal's colonial administration and urged Portugal to have its role of repression in the colonies and to allow them to develop towards self government and independence. Portugal has done no consequent, maintaining the myth that the colonial territories are integral provinces of metropolitan Portugal.

The colonies, with a total population of over 15 million (over 20 percent of the National Assembly) while Portugal proper with a population of 8½ million elects 130 deputies. At the October elections, a thousand qualified population over 1 million 150,000 voted, and in Angola — population about 5½ million — about 450,000 were said to have voted.

Armed struggle for national liberation has continued in Guinea, Angola and Mozambique since the early 1960s when the colonial governments showed no bloody intentions what they thought of non violent political activity by the nationalists. Since then full scale wars have developed in each of the three fronts backed with Portugal using modern weapons acquired from the United States and the other NATO allies and all of the methods of blitzkrieg and destruction pioneered by the United States in Indochina.

Angola and Mozambique are both wealthy territories. Angola has 3.5 million steadily in production iron ore, and large deposits of iron. It is the world's fourth largest producer of coffee. Mozambique is world of mineral deposits still being explored, has large areas of fertile land under plantation crops and has vast hydroelectric potential, being developed for sale to a rightwing South Africa, Rhodesia is a stable racist predator.

It is clear to these raw materials and profits from "native" markets for its own products, which has helped Portugal relieve its trade deficit and balance with the rest of the world.

The wars in Africa however have been economically crippling a country already Europe's poorest. Between 40 and 50 per cent of the Portuguese budget is poured into the war and in order to maintain the 150,000 troops in Africa, Portuguese men are forced to serve an average of four years — the army is calling ever in Africa. Emigration is endemic has been made alarming a welcome to Portugal See (and directly into the colonies. Portugal is an empire within other empires.

The Military Situation

It is the deteriorating military situation in Africa which has brought crisis to Portugal.

In Mozambique, Portuguese (the Mozambique Liberation Front) the nationalist organisation waging the liberation war has consolidated its hold over large areas of the north (of little economic significance to Portugal) and has taken the struggle into a new phase striking down into the so called white heartland in the south. Guerrilla units now straddle the road and rail links which run inland from the key port of Beira to Rhodesia and Malawi and are attacking white farming areas. There has been great anxiety amongst the white settlers, unconvertibles against the ineffective army and something of an exodus has begun.

In Angola too where the nationalists have been more divided (see inland areas constitute Tribalism) more. These have been counter to points that the MPLA (the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola) usually accepted as the main guerrilla force has acquired Russian RAM missiles with which Portuguese aerial attacks can be countered. It was this kind of equipment on the main of the offensive in Guinea showing the possibility for more effective permanent organisation among the people. As well, the MPLA has been reported as striking again in the enclave of Cabinda where the American Gulf Oil Co has its installations and is more by reported to have made a major new find.

It is in Guinea, however that the war has passed the critical point. There the liberation movement PAIGC (the African Party for the Independence of Guinea) had by 1964 been able to cut off the capital Bissau from the hinterland. By the end of 1972 the PAIGC controlled some three quarters of the territory and was able to hold elections for a national assembly. In September last year the establishment of the independent Republic of Guinea-Bissau was declared which has been recognised now by almost 80 governments.

General Spinola Sees The Writing On The Wall

The main in Portugal was sparked by the publication of General Spinola's book *Portugal and the Future* which has been a best seller and which dares to suggest that Portugal cannot win its African territories by military means alone. Spinola should be in a position to know having just made his triumphant return to Portugal from illness where he had held the posts of Military Commander and Governor. Spinola carries a lot of weight in Portugal especially within the army amongst the younger officers. (At least some elements of the army would like to get out of Africa, if only there was a way of getting out of the dilemma with dignity.) He was thought over to have the ear of Prime Minister Caetano who created the post of Deputy Chief of Staff for Spinola, and recently announced some tentative steps towards political reform in Portugal. Spinola's ears even deaf by some as a possible successor to Caetano.

Coup rumours began several Christmas time when Spinola's new appointment became his ear. It was strongly opposed by some senior officers, including a group of generals around Brigadier President, Admiral Americo Thomas.

It seemed that the news of Spinola's dismissal that Caetano has reinstated power in Portugal by joining the hard line generals. That means, bringing the stalemate in Africa, and there that are at home — perhaps.

But there is a further dimension to the crisis — which flows from the military situation and which is similarly responsible to ignore Guinea-Bissau has already gained wide recognition. It has been welcomed into the OAU (Organisation of African Unity — Africa's United Nations) and has announced that it will seek membership of the United Nations at the next meeting of the General Assembly. Since 1972 the General Assembly has recognized the national liberation movements in the three territories as the "authentic representatives of the true aspirations of the people of these territories". Guinea's membership of the UN will clearly be accepted by most members of the General Assembly the problem is the possibility of a United States veto in the Security Council. The US has long backed Portugal has already begun to apply pressure. Its one significant lever is the US bases in the Azores which, remember appeared one night arose when all the other NATO countries refused facilities to the US for getting emergency supplies to Israel during the October war. On the other hand, the US has helped to harden the growing Anti-African militarity, making possible the use of the oil market in order to goad NATO countries into recognizing Guinea. Guinea which would begin to under the Angola problem. Africa quite obviously Holland and the Scandinavian countries have been twitching of the brief Holland living already some time. I just unlikely pull back due to American pressure.

And Australia? Whitlam's general statement (and reluctant) that the UN would suggest clear support for Guinea-Bissau yet it continues to non-recognise and has done nothing to help publicising the case in Australia, plot to support. Where is cause for recognising the military junta and overthrow Allende's democratically elected government in Chile there was no such hesitation.

What holds him here on the issue of Guinea? Where is the pressure coming from — the client in house? Is it big or was it act against Portugal as a NATO power? Is it that, as Cambodia we can't trust the United States? Is it something to do with the unresolved question of sovereignty at the oil rights on the continental shelf between Australia and Papua New Guinea? Is Australian capital generally to blame? Is it simply that Whitlam won't recognise the extremely anti-Guinea position being stated within the Department of Foreign Affairs?

March 24 marks six months since Guinea-Bissau's declaration of independence. It's about time for one from Australia.

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Village entering liberated Mozambique
Photo: Gerard Rijn Angola Committee

Preparing for elections in liberated Guinea Bissau
Photo: Sue Dorfman — NACLA

The siege of Bidura

The "girls shelter" at Glebe (Sydney) [illegible] siege from some hundred people, [illegible] women. The demo was on International Women's Day on March 8. The [illegible] was attacked as one of many institutions used to enforce male bureaucratic morals. Top: The [illegible] from [illegible] Victoria Park up Glebe Point Road to Bidura. Middle left: Police guard the gates. And (middle right) [illegible] from the [illegible]. Right: Many women [illegible] stood [illegible] the crowd and fighting.

She said: did he put his private part in your private part?

This is one woman's experience inside the New South Wales welfare scene — eight years of [illegible] for not accepting [illegible] place in the world.

When I was 14 I got into trouble [illegible] for being exposed to moral danger.

It was on an Anzac Day and it was a public holiday and a girlfriend and I went for a bus ride up to Crows Nest. We got off the bus and we went into this milk bar. We were sitting there [illegible] talking you know, waiting for the next bus to home and this man came in.

He said — What are you girls doing in here. We said — We're having a drink. And he said — Alright out in the car. And outside we went. We didn't know what was going on. We thought what's happening? And he says he's a policeman and what are we doing sitting in Crows Nest and we shouldn't be there. He said — Get in the car. It was an FJ Holden. We got in [illegible]. He was [illegible] and there were three [illegible] round the back seat of the bloody car on the floor.

He took us down to North Sydney police station. He took us in and handed us over to the sergeant who sent us up to the policewoman [illegible] interviewed and we were charged with exposed to moral danger [illegible] we were promptly [illegible] to Glebe Girls' Shelter and there we stayed the weekend [illegible] this girls bloody shelter.

We were examined by a doctor to find out if we were virgins or had any venereal disease or were pregnant. It's rude. There's been a lot of publicity about it [illegible] So I went to court and [illegible] the whole report [illegible] parents [illegible] doctors [illegible] all this rubbish and my [illegible] left home [illegible] with it. My [illegible] She died [illegible] years ago.

And I was placed on a 12 month good behaviour bond. That's a [illegible] 12 months good behaviour [illegible] I didn't report or something [illegible] they'd come around to see why I didn't report, and if I was picked up [illegible] it I'd go exposed to moral danger again. The welfare [illegible] take me. That was it.

I got sick of it, I thought, I'm bloody sick of this, I'm [illegible] doing with them every time they [illegible] coming up to get me [illegible] They used to have [illegible] for a long time [illegible]

[illegible] pregnant with Linda [illegible] the welfare [illegible] I knew if I got pregnant [illegible] I'd want to [illegible] I [illegible] knowledge [illegible] before I fell [illegible] with Linda [illegible] go and report [illegible] charged with exposed to moral danger again. So I just didn't.

[illegible] when I was pregnant [illegible] my mother told [illegible] She was a real [illegible] and I was whisked away [illegible] police station again after [illegible] Street.

[illegible] eventually caught me and I was tugging and struggling.

[illegible] that night [illegible] in a chair [illegible] and she was asking me [illegible] about Linda's father [illegible] I was already charged with exposed to [illegible] with this. It was about [illegible] I was [illegible] remember everything I say because I didn't want to get him into strife. Being a stupid young girl you're in love and you wouldn't want to because I thought I loved him and I did for years after that. So I made up this story. And the questions she asked me!

And what did he do to you?

— Whatta ya mean what did he do whatta ya think he did?

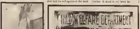
She said — No tell me what did he do exactly. She wanted every thing exactly. She said — Alright, well did he put his private part in your private part?

This is dead set. It's true. My mother was there too.

And I said — Yeah.

And she said — And then what did he do?

And so it went on and on you know, asking real personal questions like that — like where did he get it and what did he do with it and it was dirty and I thought it was [illegible] It stuck in my brain [illegible] gone I was so stupid. Anyway, after that they took me out to Glebe Girls' Shelter and placed me in there again and there I stayed until I had to go to the hospital.



They take you off to [illegible] Street [illegible] from the court which is terribly embarrassing. I've seen them there [illegible] they all do it. There's a welfare lady takes the young girls up to the [illegible] and stays with them and takes them [illegible] to be examined and then takes them back to court. It's really degrading I think.

I realise there has to be some form of discipline for the wild kids but a lot of kids that were in there had been raped and there was a couple of girls that had been raped by their fathers. Probably their fathers had been charged but the girls were in there too for exposed to moral danger. That's the most common thing they're in there for is exposed to moral danger.

My daughter could be exposed to moral danger now walking down the street. They could go and grab her [illegible] and I'd have no say in it. I can't bail her out. My father could never bail me out because I was a minor and especially as exposed to moral danger. Just after she was born they charged her with being a neglected child and exposed to moral danger. As far as they were concerned I wasn't old enough to look after her. I had to fight a lot to keep her. They tried to take her off me three times. I spent three months on remand because I wouldn't tell them where she was.

I was picked up at a hotel with some friends. Linda was at home with my mother. I was in the ladies and I was doing my hair and just going to the toilet and everything and I was with a lot of other girls and all of a sudden these detectives busted into the bloody ladies toilet. It wasn't a real nice hotel. And they said — OK. You get, you and you and you. They grabbed at me too and I thought Oh my Christ what's going on, what did they do? What do you want to be charged with — language or offensive behaviour? I said What's the charges? He said Language. I said oh.

As I was going out I knew they'd find out who I was [illegible] previous records, [illegible] I thought, they'll take my fingerprints and check them and they're bound to find out anyway so I said to my girlfriend — Go and get Linda and just after that's what she did.

They found out who I was and that I was on a bond and I was charged again for exposed to moral danger. So off I went to court, and the magistrate said — Where's the little girl we want to see if the little girl's alright.

I didn't [illegible] this stage no way in the world. I'm not going to give her up to you. I'll never see her again. I was very [illegible] going [illegible] I [illegible] Linda [illegible] I was [illegible] They [illegible] there [illegible] I'm never going [illegible] went back [illegible] Linda [illegible] going to take her away [illegible] We just [illegible] right. She was [illegible] healthy [illegible] or anything [illegible]

It took them years to bail me out but finally I did and told my mother [illegible] took my mother along [illegible] to [illegible] my girlfriend and she brought her in [illegible] She was all dressed up and big and [illegible] The magistrate said — Well there's nothing wrong with that [illegible] on another bond for 12 months.

So I went from good behaviour bond to good behaviour bond when I was 20. From the time I was 12 to 20 I was charged with being uncontrollable and I was charged with exposed to moral danger 12 times, 13 times. Then I [illegible] again.

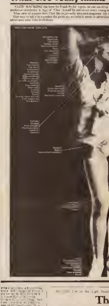
An extract from Girls, [illegible] a book of photographs and [illegible] in Australia [illegible] Photographs by Carol [illegible], and text edited by Virginia Fraser. Published by Outback Press.

What 'Cleo' really thinks

'CLEO' MAGAZINE has been Sir Frank Packer's great [illegible] success story [illegible] predicted circulation [illegible] 'Cleo' is read by just about every young w

What view of women does Cleo the supposedly liberated magazine try

One way to tell is to examine the publicity material it sends to advertisers [illegible] advertisers what Cleo is all about.



From [illegible] of the Light Brigade

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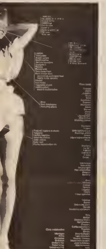

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Somewhere to go to get away from the Beat the Wife games

[illegible] Chiswick [illegible] London [illegible] women have [illegible]

[illegible] accommodation [illegible] 72 women and [illegible] children. The group [illegible]

The attempt [illegible] of a Commonwealth [illegible] The house [illegible] accommodate [illegible] Department [illegible]

[illegible] the WOMEN'S REFUGE was [illegible]

During the day over [illegible] women [illegible] bedding, food, [illegible] clothes, children's toys, etc. [illegible] Westmoreland Street expressed their support by bringing bedding and household utensils. [illegible]

We can accept the [illegible] the Federal [illegible]

[illegible] and Con[illegible]

e three Marias... they're obscene and unnatural

[illegible]

When Maria [illegible] Portugal [illegible] April 1972 [illegible]

[illegible] Lisbon [illegible] At the 1973 International Feminist Planning Congress in Cambridge, Mass., women from 20 nations pledged support. The book has [illegible] been translated into French, English, German, Dutch and Japanese. London and New York publications are scheduled for next September.

In Australia the overall policy of Portuguese representatives has been to ignore all protest. Petitions from Sydney [illegible] have been [illegible] by the Portuguese Ambassador in Canberra. The Portuguese [illegible] in Sydney [illegible] Women's Liberation [illegible] Senator [illegible] and the ALP Women's Committee [illegible] the Prime Minister asking that the Australian government take a strong [illegible] stand on the case.

Rumour recently circulated in Melbourne that the Three Marias had been acquitted. [illegible]

[illegible]

In Chile a general keeps his word

[illegible]

The massacre we will carry out will be on a large scale

"The massacre that we will carry [illegible] will be on a large scale. I'm tired of asking them to come to their senses."

That was General Augusto Pinochet, Chile's new President, making a statement of intent last [illegible].

He was referring at that time to those who were actively defying the new government. What has occurred since is a horrific scale of repression against the Chilean people.

Amnesty International have claimed that between [illegible] and [illegible] people have been arrested since the coup. (Mr Allende says between [illegible] and [illegible]) and [illegible] imprisoned. [illegible] of the [illegible] detained in the country have been [illegible] as imprisoned.

Concentration camps have been set up in desert ghost towns, abandoned island forts and other remote parts of the country. The worst [illegible] are at Dawson Island, a near Antarctic Devil's Island, in the Strait of Magellan where [illegible] key leaders of the Popular Unity (the coalition which governed before the coup) are being held. The military tribunals have been dishing out sentences of life imprisonment and death to well known figures who sympathised with Allende's government. Reports of widespread torture using techniques perfected in Vietnam and [illegible] "with the assistance of foreign experts" have now been validated by Amnesty International.

It is not possible to estimate how many hundreds of thousands have lost their jobs after being accused of sympathising with Popular Unity parties. Once the authorities have stamped the fatal word EXTREMIST on their documents, they are unemployable. The junta has used severe [illegible] against employers hiring people who have been fired since the coup.

All sections of the bureaucracy (including the state-run companies) are being thoroughly purged of EXTREMISTS.

The education system has received particular attention. Thousands were expelled from the universities. Teachers in secondary and primary schools who don't pass the political screening are being told to resign or face a military tribunal. The French Revolution has been dropped from the syllabus and the teachers' colleges have been closed for "restructuring".

The results of American training schemes are becoming visible. Graduates of the US Army School of the Americas now hold high level posts in the Chilean military. Similarly with the unions. The person appointed by the junta to be head of the National Workers Union is the former leader of the [illegible] union which was singled out for infiltration by the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD). The AIFLD has close ties with the CIA. The new boss of the copper workers' union was trained at the AIFLD's school at Front Royal, Virginia.

The instruction for "complete political elimination" applies to all political groupings, including the National and Christian Democrat parties, the right wing which helped topple Allende's government. All social gatherings during curfew hours have been banned.

The 11 pm curfew is rigorously enforced. Police permission is needed for travel of any description. [illegible] military and intelligence people. This also makes a channel of clandestine communication and makes it very difficult for those in hiding.

In the city resistance continuing [illegible] so much in the form of the [illegible] which the regime anticipated. The people have been forced into a [illegible] style of resistance [illegible] slogans on [illegible] public walls [illegible] not cooperating [illegible] to the junta [illegible] local councils. The cost of existence is high. When [illegible] the Santiago subway stopped [illegible] because their wages had been frozen while prices tripled, [illegible] of their [illegible] were seized and executed without trial.

All the previous government's land reforms, partial though they were, are being undone. Land is both being broken up into individual plots (in which most peasants will lose their land through indebtedness) and being returned to the latifundios (large land holders) ensuring that most peasants will lose their land and be forced to [illegible] the kind of desperate existence common to peasants in other parts of Latin America.

Most of the important companies, foreign and local, which Allende had brought under state control, have been handed back to their original owners. This hasn't yet happened with the former Anaconda and Kennecott owned copper mines but some arrangement will be found. Foreign investment has not yet flooded the country. Chile is still too unstable to be an attractive investment prospect.

US aid, though, is already spectacular. Between September 11 and mid December, US private banks alone had already given $148 mil [illegible] provided $50 mil [illegible] for "standby funds".

There are now hopes that the junta is breaking up [illegible] further to the right. Six generals were retired earlier this month [illegible] and these are generals with reputations as moderates. The resignations are to be followed by the court martial of 84 officers and men who opposed the coup d'etat or collaborated with the previous government. Officers of this "constitutionalist" group have also been subjected to barbaric tortures. The trials will be held before April 15.

The ruling group of hard liners is represented by General Sergio Arellano Stark, the recently appointed commander of the Santiago garrison, [illegible] to be very eager to [illegible] any dissenting voices in the armed forces.

While the fascists are sorting themselves out in Santiago guerilla activity around the "focos" of resistance in the south [illegible] of preventing any "normalisation" [illegible] the junta's troops are incapable of covering the whole country and holding it militarily.

The economic situation is worsening rapidly. The price of staples such as sugar [illegible] has risen by as much as 1,000 to 2,000 per cent since the coup, while massive unemployment is being deliberately caused. The result could well be starvation for a whole section of the population. Shortly before he died Pablo Neruda, the great Chilean poet, said: "I just hope the generals don't become populists, because if they do it could go on for years."

LPCN

I have to ask myself a series of questions.
I want to ask you a series of questions.

I am putting doubt
on all these things you are made of

I insist on putting to the test
my own possibilities for transformation
my [illegible] & my honesty
the ways you & I walk through doors

I wish to die a thousand times.

I wish to assert an organic universe
everything as everything else no mysticism

Also to observe the firmest there[illegible]
of thoughtful fury ferocious joy

Please I would like you to be serious.

Peter [illegible]

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Political footy in Fitzroy

by [illegible]

Fitzroy, Melbourne, is one of those big city inner suburbs rolling along the [illegible] track from Australian working class through migrant (there's a [illegible] per cent migrant population and schools have up to 80 per cent migrant enrolment — mainly Greek, Italian and Yugoslav) and now the young middle class families are moving in, beginning to displace the migrants and the working class [illegible]

and more sets of political [illegible], grass over the [illegible] slopes, and put in barbecue pits. In addition to the present oval, they want to put in [illegible] plant gum trees and [illegible], provide some [illegible] and make a space for [illegible], a popular pastime in the area.

They also envisage pulling down one of the grandstands and building a large recreation room to be used for meetings and play groups. And [illegible]

[illegible] On [illegible] whole families [illegible] verandahs, watching the [illegible] on their [illegible]. There isn't much open space for games or free breathing.

But now the old Fitzroy Footy Ground is up for grabs. The Council (mainly fairly progressive in such matters) has published only in English its proposals for redevelopment of the ground.

Back in 1967 the local league team moved away from the old brick walled ground, first to Carlton and then on to St. Kilda across the river. Since then the local [illegible] the baseball club and the Fitzroy Football Club (now renamed Fitzroy (Fairfield)) have shared use of the ground.

The Fitzroy Residents' Association, which represents a fair range of local people, wants to open up the space and make it available for wider community use. They'd like to tear down the outside walls with their [illegible] the ticket boxes [illegible]

[illegible]

All this [illegible] money. Opposition comes from the local soccer clubs [illegible] the ground [illegible] not only because they would bring in revenue for the Council [illegible] the ground as a sports venue, but because the Council can't afford to ignore the wishes of the [illegible] per cent migrant population.

One migrant woman, however, comments: "It'll only be paradise to the male migrants," [illegible] local [illegible].

"There is hardly an open space in Fitzroy. Here the Council has the chance to provide a real [illegible] area for the people of Fitzroy, a chance that might not come again."

Americans in Santiago when the coup came recount their experiences

Teacher hears gunfire... and bodies fall

These accounts are eye witness [illegible] heard before the Subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees of the Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, ninety third Congress, first session, September 28, 1973; otherwise known as the Kennedy Subcommittee on "Refugee and Humanitarian Problems in Chile".

Ms McDuffee [illegible] an American citizen teaching English to Chilean students.

While a friend of ours was there (at a police station) trying to get his brother out, we were talking to one military officer. There was an officer seated at the desk in front of him. And at that moment a third officer brought in three Bolivians who had [illegible] in the street, the officer sitting at the desk said, "Why do you bring me these guys? Get rid of them."

Then he heard shots. [illegible] he saw that the Bolivians were taken to the corridor [illegible] the right and he heard the bullets fall. He did not actually see the execution but he did hear these things.

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Ms McDuffee [illegible] films shown of the repression.

Ms McDuffee They show an incredible brutality. I cannot describe strongly enough the horror of what is happening. The films that they themselves show on television and in the press — all highly censored — show brutality. They seem proud of it.

Senator Kennedy Who is showing this brutality?

Ms McDuffee The military government.

Senator Kennedy That leads you to draw that conclusion?

Ms McDuffee As I say, the films these people were showing on television they are all highly censored, but you see tanks roaring into a [illegible] soldiers going through door by house. There was one person who was up against the wall, feet spread out, and he was beaten with a stick by two soldiers who were there.

Senator Kennedy You saw this on television in Santiago?

Ms McDuffee On television. This is one of the films taken by the military. They repeated it about five times.

Senator Kennedy Why would they do that? Was that a way to try to bring about some intimidation of the people, to show them what might happen to them? Was there any kind of warning carried in the television program?

Ms McDuffee This is what I must assume because they repeated these films several times. They also repeated around five times the films showing the burning and destruction of Moneda, the great presidential palace, and films showing people being badly wounded and on the ground, people who were trying to enter the downtown area during the third and fourth days after the coup. I must assume this was to frighten people.

Senator Kennedy Did it frighten you?

Ms McDuffee Very much.

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This testimony, about what happened inside the National Stadium, emergency prison for thousands, is from an American graduate student [illegible] three days after the coup and held for a week.

The most vivid experience was on Saturday September 15. I was [illegible] the football field. I was located so that I could see through the intersection between the two wings. Glancing towards the intersection between the two wings I saw a young man [illegible] to the intersection by a guard. They paused and the guard lit a cigarette. He was then led into the field. From our wing, another prisoner was led by and [illegible]. Within a couple of minutes the group of people outside began singing. At this point heavy automatic weapons fire began. As the firing continued, fewer and fewer people continued singing. Finally the singing stopped and the automatic firing stopped. Immediately afterwards [illegible] another guard standing a few feet from me: "There were 37 people in that group."

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One by one prisoners would be brought usually from about afternoon to room number 4 in the [illegible] booth. After short paperwork they would be put into one of two lines. One line towards the outside wall would be composed of people who were given back their personal documents and possessions. They were usually allowed to leave [illegible]. The second line [illegible] prisoners under heavy guard [illegible] two or three soldiers with [illegible] rifles with an armed officer for from ten to 20 prisoners. Their arms would always be behind their backs or head.

As soon as this line was complete, a non commissioned officer would [illegible] 3, 5, 6 and 7 [illegible] the stadium [illegible]. Immediately afterwards the line would be led out. Within a few minutes from outside the [illegible] in the stadium [illegible] we would hear a heavy sustained outburst of automatic weapons fire. None of the people in those lines ever returned and the pattern was always the same.

From late Saturday afternoon through Tuesday morning a total of more than 400 people were led out in this fashion.

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A man was brought into the room marked "Boxing room" [illegible]. Immediately I heard his captor beginning to shout "Where are the arms?" This was followed by a beating. I could clearly hear the impact of an object striking human flesh. The beating continued for a long time until finally I heard what can only be described as animal moans and groans. There was a pause as if the person had lost consciousness. Then the beating resumed. The prisoner then began to call out "Viva the revolution" in between the shouts and the blows, [illegible] soft voice. Finally this stopped and I heard a slow series of [illegible] shots with [illegible] interval between each one as if the interrogators were shooting into the extremities of the prisoner. Finally another short series of blows and then one final shot. I heard a group of people leave the room, and within a short time two people came back. They entered and then closed immediately. As we saw the use of two [illegible] stretchers throughout his stay I presume that they came to take the body away.

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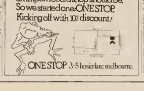


Women workers battle the union tide

If women must work

by Claire Kelly

Although today Australian women have achieved a measure of equality with men at work and in education, it is clear that under a capitalist system women cannot be [illegible] in any life situation. [illegible] the old divisions of labour continues, and with it the [illegible] of women to men. Unless the [illegible] and ideologies of the women's movement are fully accepted and fought for in the struggle for socialism then what we get from any social revolution will not be a free society; a socialist society [illegible] should not be subsumed in the fight for socialism, nor should it obscure the class exploitation of working women.

The trade unions will not carry through the needs and demands of women workers without active organisation by women. Even in the Builders Labourers in Sydney where the right of women to work on the job [illegible] by the union as a policy there is still a general reluctance and even refusal to distribute the propaganda issued by the women's collective in that state. Women's demands are only taken into union policy when there is no alternative. For example in the 1940's [illegible] the movement of women into industries which had been traditionally [illegible] support equal pay for women for fear that [illegible] women at lower wages [illegible] 'a means to make trade unionists' was the motivation for this action rather than any real concern for women workers. [illegible]

For all their talk of equality under the union rules [illegible], most union officials, who are of course almost exclusively male even in predominantly women's unions, refuse or are unable to view the basic demands which women put forward and reproduce the chauvinist attitudes which the society breeds.

In Sydney recently the female clerical staff of the Amalgamated Metal Workers Union put in a log of claims to improve their working conditions. One of the major principles for which they were demanding recognition was the right of parents to paid leave at the birth of a baby. "You would have thought a bomb had been thrown into the meeting the way the officials took offence at this 'outlandish suggestion'," said one of the women interviewed. [illegible]

One male official of the union told me that when the proposal came before the executive council of the union the women's demands were [illegible] principle of paid [illegible] carried through. Of course [illegible] particular demand came [illegible] shop floor [illegible] officials and members [illegible] in most cases in the A.M.W.U. [illegible] this demand would probably [illegible] by the union structure. It is a contradiction to say [illegible] officialdom [illegible] where it is placed on its own doorstep.

Even in the A.M.W.U. [illegible] women [illegible] above shop steward level. The principle of appointing women as temporary organisers when such positions become available so that they will have the opportunity to become familiar with such a job and make themselves known to [illegible] was rejected by the Commonwealth Council. [illegible] women would be less capable of doing the job. [illegible] women workers. [illegible] jobs [illegible] (paid) and [illegible] at home (unpaid).

The new moves towards Workers Control in Australia [illegible]

When the women attending the first National Workers Control Conference in Newcastle [illegible] [illegible] Society [illegible] women [illegible] Conference. The [illegible] of the women [illegible]

And [illegible] official speaker [illegible] South Australia [illegible] about the great [illegible] of women workers at a glove factory in Whyalla [illegible] had taken over their jobs [illegible] close the plant down.

The [illegible] principle [illegible] the women's [illegible] should have been given [illegible]

The [illegible] women [illegible] And [illegible] the women [illegible] union [illegible] and [illegible] management. The demands [illegible] workers [illegible] union representatives [illegible] single [illegible]

We [illegible] the workforce and [illegible] unions take place without a fight against the [illegible] in other areas in our society.

The argument [illegible] that women do not attend union meetings [illegible] do not stand for office [illegible] women [illegible] how many men with two full-time jobs [illegible] And how many [illegible] Migrants, blacks and young workers are [illegible] but the [illegible] of these groups are women [illegible]

The status of the trade union movement [illegible] discouraging [illegible] women [illegible] and very [illegible] feelings of [illegible]

[illegible] which is [illegible] by the fact that women mostly [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] agreements [illegible] women by [illegible] to lower paid jobs [illegible] are employed [illegible] The cleaners at Monash University [illegible] 'charwomen' [illegible] accepted the principle of equal pay for the [illegible] This [illegible] keep women's wages down [illegible] women workers [illegible] machines [illegible] by management [illegible]

For these and other reasons the [illegible] industry. There [illegible] Australian women. The [illegible] 1973 [illegible] Association [illegible] shortage of [illegible]

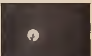
A woman is part of the workforce when she is working outside the [illegible] but when she is [illegible] home [illegible] is dismissed from consideration. Proper provisions and conditions of work have never been provided for those considered to be a normal workers. The demands for the right to [illegible] organisations as a beginning [illegible] workers' control of industry.

The [illegible] women I have [illegible] working on *The Land* [illegible] workers [illegible] demand [illegible] the demand [illegible]

traditional family structure with all its ramifications is not one and [illegible] most men are definitely not [illegible] male trade unionists are almost [illegible] vanguard of the reaction.

While supporting as [illegible] which is [illegible] to provide [illegible] demands [illegible] working [illegible] management [illegible] The argument [illegible] workers under the [illegible] higher wages [illegible] workplace [illegible] factory [illegible] the right to all the demands [illegible] society [illegible] perspective.

Of course [illegible] traditional [illegible] the women [illegible] responsible [illegible] not [illegible] government [illegible] unemployment [illegible] demand [illegible] family [illegible] independence [illegible] of the [illegible] traditional [illegible] fear of total [illegible] the [illegible] women [illegible]


J. Roche

Moonshine

Yesterday I was sick sick
in the head
panic and paranoia
I'd been like that for years and [illegible]
I was a victim or the victim
I'm getting older now
so I put myself to bed filled myself
with pills and after a while
floated gently asleep
Today I'm alright
(Although I wanted to cry for help
cry out to you
I forgot that I'm a clinging female
and just that I'm ill)

O but he comes the [illegible]
the fucker
like a lizard
like a lizard with a serrated tail
ripping his way
through a fancy seeming posture
Caring and love have
become blood and semen spattered
and coagulated all over
my abused body and my gothic imagination

I remember my friends,
let me tell you about them.
And I say and I meant to say ask what
could I have said?
I'm not killed
I've just got a right to sing the blues.

Kate Jennings.

Black deschooling

Culture
"The Aborigines have many strange ways. We call these customs because they have been doing them for a long time.
Important: *Each year more and more aborigines are learning to live the way we do. They find it easier to live that way. They are being helped by the white people to find good jobs and live in clean houses.*
Primary Social Studies Textbook (NSW).
Quoted in Development News Digest Vol. 2 No. 3.

There has gradually emerged in every European country (and Australia has inherited its educational structures) a systematic apprenticeship in domestic industrial and commercial life in a modern state.

The 'clients' of these institutions, the parents and students, are largely unprotected from the whims/fallacies of the professionals and the administrators. The students are particularly vulnerable in that they are forced to attend what are virtually powerful agencies of social control for the purpose of socialisation into appropriate class and sex and work attitudes, and they are duped into believing they are actually receiving 'an education'.
The Politics of Education — Diane [illegible], Dissent No 28, Spring, 1972.

by Cheryl Buchanan

Aboriginal children, like all children in all cultures, acquire the attitudes values and behavior of the culture in which they grow up. In Australia we are aware of the historical factors which have largely determined the type of education our children will receive. At present, most Aboriginal children are 'socialised' by European forces: the media, the schools, the church, the police, even by health officials. We have a duty to question the goals of white socialisation, as well as looking for alternatives. This is particularly true in regard to political socialisation.

Aboriginal children are going to learn political attitudes values and beliefs. You can guarantee that the first days of school, when the flag is raised and allegiance is pledged to God the Queen and Country, that is political education. Thus there is no use wondering whether children should learn political attitudes and behavior but rather for what purpose and by what means they will learn them. In the past and present, Aboriginal children have been systematically politicised [illegible] by white institutions whose purpose and goals were contrary to the best interests of Aboriginal children. What Aboriginal people must do is to take charge of the process, and give it real direction ie. direction which will benefit us. If we do not do this, we must accept that there will be still another generation of Aboriginal children politicised by white people.

At the centre of political socialisation of Aboriginal people is the effort by individuals and groups in political power to maintain that power. Basic to this function is the necessity of indoctrinating the young with the notion that the current political system is not just [illegible] but, much superior to other political systems.

"You would still be savages if it were not for white civilisation." "Think what would happen to you if the communists were in power."

Thus Aboriginal children are taught to prefer the status quo and to fear change — and at the same time knowing from their own experience that change is necessary. Aboriginal people are living a legacy of oppression and genocide which dates back to the coming of white man to Australia — and if there is one area that needs radical change in this country it is that. [illegible] Yet white groups and institutions throughout Australia are committed to continuation of the present system. A few groups are committed to 'gradual change'. These groups repeatedly [illegible] It is partly their ignorance of 'gradual change' that has produced this legacy of oppression and the current [illegible] and explosive relationships between black and white.

As we struggle for change the question arises — are there lessons to be learned from people who have struggled against oppression in other lands. Even though we [illegible] South Africa, Rhodesia, etc., it is necessary to remember that the [illegible] of developing nations emerging from colonialism where the oppressed peoples are in the majority of the population is now very different from that of Aboriginal people.

We can dismiss the mass media and white government agencies from any role in the effective political socialisation of our children. They are not able to do the job even if they are willing to do so.

Then can the families do the job? [illegible] Aboriginal families are being disrupted by the oppression they must face and must be preoccupied with the basic [illegible] of survival. A lot of Aboriginal parents have had a [illegible] political education that has left them uncertain about their beliefs [illegible] of them.

Then can churches do the job? Hardly. Churches have [illegible] had the role of conditioning Aboriginal people to accept their fate in exchange for a better life in heaven.

If the churches then cannot do the job what about the schools? With more and more Aboriginal people in education can they [illegible] and politicise Aboriginal children in skills that will lead to good [illegible] Aboriginal children are a part of white school systems taught [illegible] and white values.


[illegible]

All of the current innovations in education — team teaching, individualised instruction, preschool education, etc. — all this means nothing without community control. In fact these innovations are designed to make the current system more effective — not to create a new purpose and attitude to education.

In fact we must consider that even the form of white school is political education. What does it mean that pupils are lined in a row with the teacher at the front? What does it mean that children must obtain permission to go to the toilet? Is not being conditioned to follow orders and respond to bells part of a political process?

Nothing less than a total reorganisation of the schools is likely to have a dramatic effect on the educational process as being about positive change for Aboriginal people.

Community control of education is the most promising agent of change. But we are in danger of community control really meaning only being able to operate the existing system. Or community control means just having Aboriginal teachers doing the same tasks which white teachers did formerly. Or if communities getting educational control simply recreate a new school based on advice of experts following white methods.

For community control to have any real possibility for [illegible] large scale change in the whole educational system is necessary. Certification requirements must be changed so that communities are able to hire whoever they want to staff their schools.

We must rethink all of the present requirements for school personnel and determine what are the necessary requirements for those who will influence our children's lives. What we want for our children may be completely different from what white people want for their children.

While schools are presented as the hope for Aboriginal children — those that control the schools continue to provide poor technical training and [illegible] which have combined to continue the subjugation of Aboriginal people. This is young Aboriginal children not only [illegible] a poor education [illegible] that they cannot compete in Australian society [illegible] they are taught to distrust themselves [illegible] a white people [illegible] they can no longer operate in their own societies.

But an even more immediate reason for not using the school as they exist is that the politicians will not allow it. They are aware that politics is power and it is impossible to discuss institutional change without dealing with power.

It happens, that whites are generally threatened when discussions begin to centre around Black Power. Whites feel they cannot deal with the basic notion of Aboriginalism and power. These notions seem to stir some suppressed primeval fear in whites. Even when the power that Aboriginal people demand is no more than the power white people take for granted, there is a fear.

Whatever the origins of their fears, their concern is legitimate, because knowledge of the dynamics of power and the ways in which Aboriginal people are kept from exercising power is a very volatile mixture. And it is precisely this kind of knowledge which should be the foundation of Aboriginal political education. Somehow we must help our children deal with the first question of their lives: How to survive as a black person in a white racist, western 'progressive' society? If Aboriginal people choose to deliberately politicise their children, there are likely to be at first three major positive consequences: a therapeutic effect; a cultural effect; and in the long run some direct effects on white institutions. Unless we do deliberately politicise our children, they will grow up to believe that being white is the only possible identity for them. Children must be taught that they have a culture which is valid for now — 1974 on — that they have a history of which they can be proud, and that [illegible] living in their traditions is likely to be a key to their survival.

Perhaps the most important result of politicising our youth will be that they will be able to deal with white exploitation and oppression with more energy, less fear and more perception than their elders. We should be able to deal with Australian society as something more sound than wild and angry.

Perhaps more important than the knowledge of the correct action will be the commitment to action. Young people with solid political/social foundations will have a commitment to change. They will be brainwash-proof.

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Saying what no man could say

We love our lovin'… but not like we love our freedom

by Kate Jennings

Elton John when asked about writing his own songs, said he couldn't, yet they all come and [illegible] and [illegible] stuff. He went on to say he really admired Joni Mitchell, her songs and what she is doing, but he also implied that only a woman could do what she is doing. He [illegible]. Only a woman could get that close and write honest lyrics. Men have been bulldozing, mythifying, obscuring and RUNNING for so long, where could they begin?

"When a man sits [illegible] like a railroad train and cry
When a woman blue she hang her little head and cry
(American Songbook, Compiled by Carl Sandburg, 1944.)

Women, despite their lack of mobility, their little heads and their crying, haven't been able [illegible]. They've been stuck with these roles, their supposed stillness and they're predisposed and they have had [illegible] more and more loud [illegible] strongly writing and singing in their own way. They have not been able to write about the railroad (and please note that Joni Mitchell does write what she is free to be as expressed in "Just Like This Train" and compare it to all the [illegible] road songs by men) and they have not been able to write about the [illegible] running and [illegible] about [illegible] Joni Mitchell is one woman singing and [illegible] and she gets close, but I wonder how close she gets and how good is that closeness?

The following is not just a [illegible] all hang out underground journalese [illegible]. We need more [illegible] but [illegible] a bit of a day in the life of a Joni Mitchell fan with [illegible] hopefully [illegible]. I did I want to write this tonight. I didn't want to meet a deadline of a review about Court and Spark. I wanted to go out and get drunk. *Help me I think I'm falling in love again too fast/It's got me worrying about the future/And worrying about the past.* The Object of my Love was not around so I had bought myself a pair of fancy [illegible] glamor and perfume (oh dear). *When I get that crazy feeling I know I'm in trouble again.* So I sat [illegible] *in a busy city girl for a while, those [illegible] going* around and around in my head. *A free drink [illegible] you're not an ebony.* I finally got [illegible] off home angry. *I called out to be released/Caught in my struggle for higher achievement/And my search for love/That don't seem to cease.*

Angry with myself and with Joni Mitchell I sat and perhaps [illegible] have this blue [illegible] shouldn't listen to Janis Joplin, Carole King, Joni Mitchell and all when they are down and confused. Listen to Tammy Wynette instead. Three times [illegible] "Stand by Your Man" and you are [illegible] (some) and [illegible] back to work [illegible] but it is difficult. Why not [illegible] free like [illegible] I think [illegible] *political on [illegible] darkness/where is that [illegible] not one [illegible] be like her [illegible] could drink [illegible] of you darling/and I would still be on my feet [illegible] would still be on my feet* (the great [illegible] taking [illegible] if ever there was one!) Why can't she be more positive, angry political feminist, up against the wall [illegible] would feel better. I could be getting [illegible] right [illegible] my [illegible] Why am I so damn [illegible] one step forward, two steps backwards! ("The important thing is to pull yourself up by your own hair to turn yourself inside out and see the whole world with fresh eyes." Peter Weiss *Marat*. Where are you Charley, where are you Marat?)

Why all these confusions, all these ambivalences, all these negatives, all these vicious infinite regresses and all these circularities in Joni Mitchell's songs? And we all take them so damn personally. There is a very radical feminist line which says that [illegible] about men don't write about the pain and general confusion. Instead write only about women, about the future, about joy and about optimism. It is also a line quite a few women are adopting in their women [illegible]. It gets you nowhere, hate to write about your pain. I am still confused and very ambivalent about most things, and I have only just found a voice for my pain and so it goes for a lot of women. I want to work out, and spell out the contradictions and ambiguities I feel, and so do other women. Don't deny our free voice when we have only just found it. But perhaps we could look just that much further ahead? To what?

With freedom, there is not happiness. With happiness, there is not freedom. That's been said before. Joni Mitchell says it again and again: *We love our lovin'/But not like we love our freedom.* For the time being she is right. I don't mind her confusion, although I would like something more positive. Wouldn't we all? But tell me, where has any one ever written a song like "Cat On A Hill"? That song means so much. I know the sound of a very [illegible] cat and every [illegible] guy [illegible] the road from just waiting for them to arrive [illegible] always [illegible] the start. Which says two things, I've never been able to afford it [illegible] and I've always waited. Women wait; and my Man drives cars, and watch trains, and these days, planes.

I thought at first that Blue with its regularity and its emphasis on hymns was a better record than *Court and Spark*. But they are two different records and both as good as each other. What is good or nice or excellent about *Court and Spark*? The lyrics, the music. *He saw [illegible] I worried sometimes I worry sometimes.* And her two songs about madness. Edith Piaf is probably the only other singer (and a woman) to bring this sort of song off. *Up in a sterilized room/Where they let you be [illegible]/When you're the weak/And this sparky.* The jazzy [illegible] rhythm of "Twisted" is so good and very apt and right.

Still I worry about Joni Mitchell's mystification of love. The instrumental that follows *Love is gone/Oh, love is gone/Writing in your spirit [illegible] song/Love is gone*, what do I make of that? Her songs demand answers, [illegible] your own songs and does in answer IN THE PROCESS OF REVOLUTION WE HAVE TO REINVENT LOVE, said an *American* feminist. What more can I say except, oh yes, and what oh what is it to spark? *So why does it come as such a shock/To know you really have no one.*

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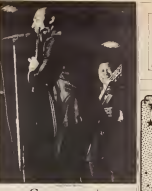

Great moments in US-Australian relations II

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Bob [illegible] drew this

RECORDS REVIEWED

by Alisdair Jones

Bonnie Raitt has two albums released here. She's a "country lady singer" like so many others. But Bonnie is good. She's got an easy voice with a few subtle sounds and groans [illegible] it lends itself well to typical blues. The old Fred McDowell "Kokomo Blues" (Write Me a Few of Your Lines) from the second side of her last album, *Takin' My Time*, has her echoing the melody lines on bottleneck electric guitar. Her guitar playing, like her sisters work, is worth getting into.

She can sing a Randy Newman song which is no mean feat. She does "Guilty" as in "it takes a whole lot of [illegible] for me to pretend that I'm somebody else". Maybe not as wrenched and close into it as the old Master himself, she gives it a more self mocking treatment. Also on *Takin' My Time* is that old song of [illegible] "Let Me In (Whoo-ooh) Do you remember [illegible] Let?" There are lovely [illegible] and trumpets gusting along, and this time Taj Mahal [illegible] up all over the piano (and you can feel it) [illegible].

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Unlike "C" for Country Rock in your Anthology of Style you'll find Commander Cody [illegible] stopped. Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen play Country Rock in that all American bands who neither live in New York nor play urban disco probably play Country Rock. Cody and the boys have a new album out, their fourth, *Live From Deep In The Heart Of Texas*. It was recorded live last November at the Armadillo World Headquarters (?) in Austin Texas.

Cody has a particular flavour [illegible] to do with dope, gravelly nightclubs, sliding into blue rock chords and licks at the drop [illegible]. On the *Live* [illegible] they do some old favourites like "Riot in Cell Block # 9" and "Mean Woman Blues". And there's a sad song that Billy C. (Farlow – guitar) and Cody [illegible] wrote called "Down to Seeds and Stems Again Blues" which has us sitting along on a Saturday a girl watching the late late show while our special woman [illegible] with our best friend. Good romantic shit. It's heartening to hear what a tight [illegible] the Commander leads on stage.

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A girl called Linda who has done disappeared here in San Francisco had a rough deal. Her "New Orleans [illegible]" album [illegible] wanted to play [illegible] 3.00 am [illegible]. The album has been released in some [illegible] before all [illegible] a copy of the album [illegible] the street was [illegible] started it off from WEA in Sydney. We never heard it together [illegible] of her yet as it winds around the turntable. (High.)

It's called *Wild Tales*, and while it isn't as open and simple as *Songs for Beginners* [illegible] that never light [illegible] voice [illegible] through his [illegible] Nash wrote and produced all tracks. "Hey You (Looking at the Moon)" is pleasant [illegible] walking by the wall/Sleeping [illegible] State Streets/Sleeping in a [illegible] that what we're gonna be?"

The story on "Prison Song" is [illegible] and while he hits a few notes traditionally considered harsh it's effective. And there are [illegible] like the misty eyed [illegible] "Kissing you farewell for too long."

Here's a song to sing for every man by sight/If he can hear you sing it's no open door/There's not a club [illegible] there who couldn't pay his way/And buy the freedom that is a high price for the poor." He's still got a pop social conscience.

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Gram Parsons was born on Guy Fawkes' Day 1946 in *Florida*. He grew up in Georgia where he had various teenage bands. Elvis was his idol then. His father was Coon Dog Connor, a country singer/songwriter. Parsons went to Harvard in 1964 in search of Leary and Richard Alpert and their research into acid. Leary and Alpert had left by then and in 1965 Parsons did [illegible]. After quitting Harvard Parsons formed the International Submarine Band in Cambridge Massachusetts. A country outfit. The band moved to the Bronx, managed to get together an [illegible] album *Safe At Home* and broke up.

Parsons moved to California and met Chris Hillman of the Byrds. He joined the Byrds in 1968 and stayed with them for a year (he's on *Sweetheart of the Rodeo*) and left in England as the Byrds were about to tour South Africa. In England he met the Stones, and Jagger's "Wild Horses" is supposed to be for and about Parsons. He eventually formed the Flying Burrito Bros. with bassist Chris Ethridge but left out of [illegible] at the beginning of 1970.

Then in early 1970 Parsons was smashed [illegible] in a motor bike accident and spent the next two years recuperating and travelling. He decided to do a solo album. It's called *GP*, has Alabama Emmy Lou Harris singing with him and a strong traditional Country and Western feel.

Parsons died on September 19 last year at the Joshua Tree Inn, a [illegible] motel [illegible] people 140 miles east of Los Angeles. The coroner [illegible] of booze, morphine, amphetamines and cocaine did him in. He had almost completed *Grievous Angel*, again with Emmy Lou Harris which has just been released. (Parsons' body was [illegible] from LA airport where it was awaiting shipment to New Orleans for a family burial and was taken to Joshua Tree National Monument – 150 miles east of LA – and burnt. The ashes were scattered. Parsons' road manager Phil Kaufman – the man who [illegible] Charlie Manson's album *LIE*, after serving [illegible] – and former Byrds roadie Michael Martin were charged [illegible] of grand theft [illegible] September 20 and 27 respectively. Kaufman and Martin were found guilty on November [illegible] of a misdemeanor were fined $300 each [illegible] to pay the Yucca Valley [illegible] $708 [illegible] the cost of the coffin [illegible] returned after the [illegible] District Attorney Andrew White said that it was found like they did it because that was Parsons' wish.

Gram Parsons just sings on *Grievous Angel*, and wrote or cowrote six of the ten tracks. [illegible] being linked as [illegible] Country and Western music and that has hovered over most of Parsons' work. It's possibly the influence of his Southern father. The [illegible] that dance through the bands are heartbreakingly [illegible]. Emmy Lou's voice [illegible] through the harmonies gently but with enough strength to suggest that Parsons is [illegible] following [illegible]. All around the playing is relaxed. Linda Ronstadt sings with Parsons on "In My Hour of Darkness" a song he cowrote with Emmy Lou Harris. Two tracks recorded live in Northern Quebec, "Hickory Wind" from Parsons' Byrds days and "Cash on the Barrelhead" are included. And [illegible] "Love Hurts" [illegible] the Everly Brothers [illegible] the words are [illegible] "Love hurts [illegible] and scars [illegible] etc., etc.," but the song is so remarkably [illegible] that "Love Hurts" sounds [illegible] after a while.

Grievous Angel comes [illegible] and "cowboy angel" where there's a good saloon in every town and roads [illegible] and the [illegible] back at [illegible]. It [illegible] all sound very familiar and interchangeable at first listening. But it grows like grass. If you're moved by Country music, and can get past the [illegible] pop [illegible].

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Lavish attention in production seems [illegible] the US music industry. *The Amazing Kathy Dalton* was written and produced by a certain [illegible] King Company in California. It was engineered by Kerry McNabb who [illegible] of [illegible]. It's [illegible] the most [illegible] by mainstream Warner Bros. The best of the thing is the quality of the songs [illegible] an exercise in pop. The [illegible] is aligned with [illegible] in Manhattan [illegible] all night at the Tropicana. The songs range over a variety of styles [illegible] and catchy and generally [illegible]. Van Dyke Parks makes a brief appearance at the piano [illegible] "[illegible] From Your West" Who Kathy is [illegible] is hard to [illegible] but she [illegible] she's got a [illegible] like Linda Ronstadt, with [illegible] just [illegible]. The late Walt Disney [illegible] like the *Amazing Kathy Dalton* [illegible] possible. The production is [illegible] as [illegible] Tiny Tim on Harry Nilsson [illegible] *A Little Touch of Schmilsson in the Night*. As a song writer's [illegible] offering Kathy Dalton is a bit cute and overly [illegible].

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Jack [illegible] Wakefield, with the [illegible] Canyon Band [illegible] mellow feeling on the verandah [illegible] days [illegible] restful and harmonic [illegible] you're in the mood. It comes with "soul dances" and "[illegible]" and never passing "This way again". [illegible] of [illegible] material for a change [illegible] we got a bit more articulated depth. And he still looks like Paul McCartney in corduroy [illegible] a nice record. I've only heard it through once and will it last [illegible] again.

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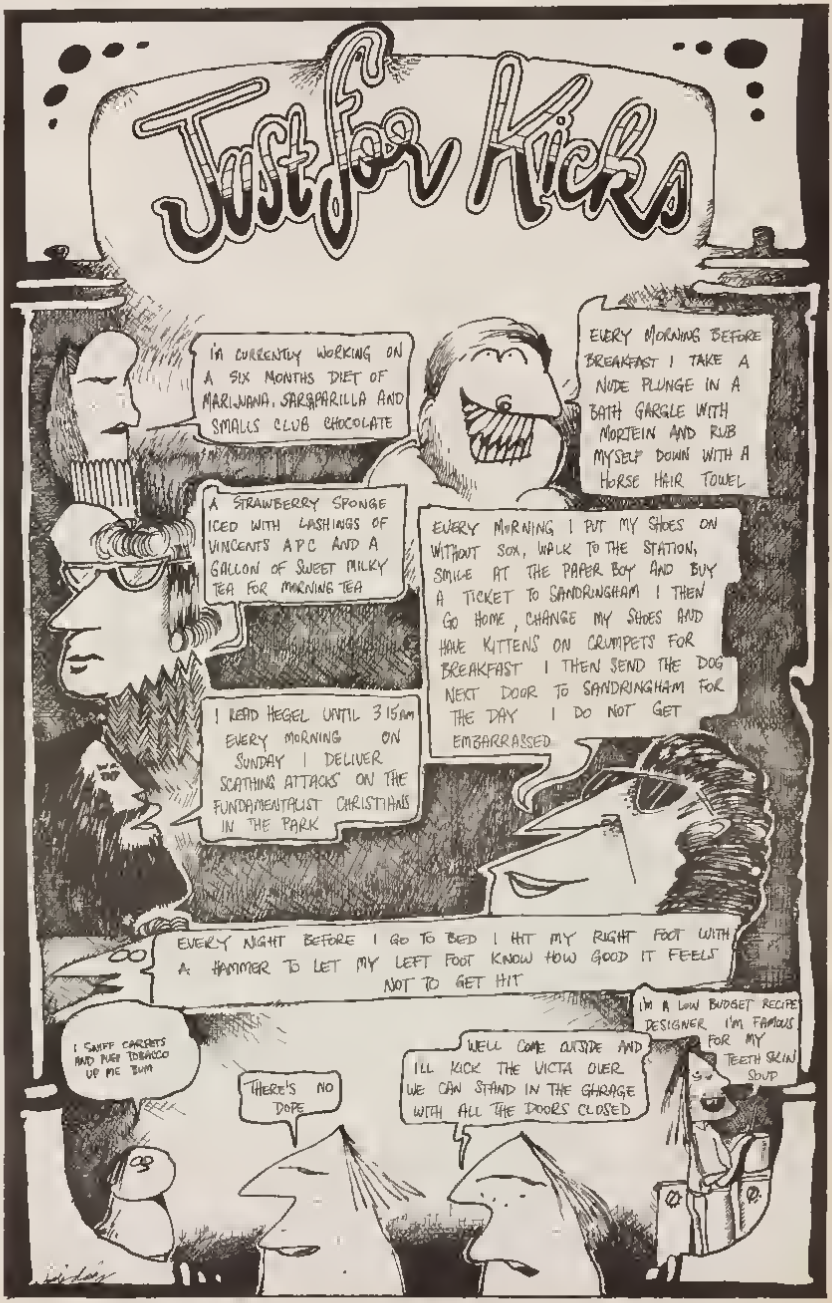

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